



ENERGY SAVING PLEDGE

I promise to partner with The Donaldson Group in its energy conservation program. I understand that by conserving energy and natural resources I can help save our environment while reducing my expenses. Here are some of the ways my family and I will achieve this goal:

- **ELECTRICITY/GAS**

- Turn off and/or unplug non-essential lights and appliances, including my computer
- In winter, set the thermostat between 68 and 70 degrees F; for each degree I turn it down equals 5% savings on heating costs
- In summer, set the thermostat between 73 and 75 degrees F
- Close shades/blinds at night to increase insulation
- Avoid running large appliances such as washers, dryers and ovens during peak energy demand hours (5-9 AM & 4-7 PM)
- Run the dishwasher only when full
- Use fluorescent light bulbs whenever possible
- Wash clothes in cold water whenever possible
- Wash and dry only full loads
- Set refrigerator between 37-40 degrees F and freezer at 5 degrees F
- Look for blue flames in gas appliances; yellow flames indicate inefficient burning and that an adjustment may be needed
- Cover pans when boiling water, it boils faster

- **WATER**

- Water heating is the 3rd largest energy expense in my home, typically accounting for about 14% of my utility bill; by conserving water, I will also be conserving energy
- Report leaks immediately to the rental office
- Avoid running water while washing dishes, shaving, brushing teeth, etc.
- Replace baths with showers; showers use approximately one third less water than baths
- Avoid using the "rinse hold" function on my dishwasher; this uses 3-7 gallons per use
- Avoid rinsing the dishes before putting them into the dishwasher

Resident Name

Resident Signature

Date

The Donaldson Group Representative

Date